



# THE INSTITUTE OF TURKISH STUDIES

## ITS-Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies

The Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS) is pleased to announce the ITS- Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies that is being established with the generous support of Koç Holding and Koç University. The Fellowship constitutes a new, dedicated line of ITS research awards to be affiliated with Koç University for American academics engaged in Turkish and Ottoman Studies in the social sciences and humanities. For the 2020-2021 academic year, up to two ITS-Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies awards for dissertation writing will be available within the broader line of ITS dissertation writing grants, and they will aim to support advanced students who are at the research and/or writing stage of their doctoral dissertations and while they complete the research and writing necessary to finish those dissertations. Applications for ITS-Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies awards are due March 31, 2020.

ITS-Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies awardees will be based at and work with appropriate scholars of Koç University, with the caveat that nothing precludes relationships with research scholars or work elsewhere in Turkey. In addition to financial support for awardees from ITS, Koç University will be providing recipients travel, housing, and other support detailed below. Awardees will be selected jointly by ITS and Koç University based on merit, the strength and feasibility of the proposed project, the qualifications of the applicant, and the fit with existing expertise of Koç University faculty.

ITS will continue to support other dissertation writing grants outside the context of the ITS-Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies and expects to make an announcement early in 2020 about these and other grant opportunities for US-based Turkish Studies students and scholars.

ITS is a non-profit, private educational institution devoted solely to the advancement of training, research, and teaching in the field of Ottoman and modern Turkish Studies. It was established in 1983 and is currently located in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. The Institute is governed by a twelve-member Board of Governors whose members include prominent US scholars in Ottoman and modern Turkish Studies, and others with a demonstrated interest in Turkey.

Koç University was founded in 1993 as a non-profit private university in Istanbul, Turkey. Since its establishment, Koç has become one of the leading universities in Turkey, distinguished by notable contributions to the elevation of education, knowledge, and service both domestically and beyond. The principle mission of Koç University is to cultivate Turkey's most competent graduates, well-rounded adults who are internationally qualified, who can think creatively, independently, and objectively; and who are confident leaders.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

To be eligible for a ITS-Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies for dissertation writing, applicants should be:

- Graduate students in any field of the social sciences and/or humanities, with a clear Turkish/Ottoman Studies focus.
- US citizens, or permanent residents (Green Card holders) at the time of application.
- Currently enrolled in a PhD degree program in the United States and holding “All But Dissertation” (ABD) status at the commencement of the grant.
- Express interest and willingness to be physically based at Koç University for up to one academic year to complete research and/or writing of a doctoral thesis.

## **TENURE AND TERMS OF GRANTS:**

ITS-Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies awards for dissertation writing are being offered for the 2020-21 academic year. Permission to postpone the tenure of a grant beyond this period will normally not be given. Stipends may range from \$10,000 to \$15,000. In addition to an ITS grant amount, Koç University has agreed separately to provide Fellows roundtrip travel to Istanbul, a research budget of up to \$1,000, and housing at its main campus, Taksim facility (ANAMED), or stipend to supplement other housing arrangements, at its own discretion; formal affiliation as “Visiting Researchers;” administrative support for obtaining the necessary visa, residency, and research permits; and access to relevant scholars, the university library and other research facilities; email, and other necessary administrative support. Individuals who receive the award are expected to spend a full academic year in Turkey.

## **REVIEW PROCESS:**

Applications for the ITS-Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies will be reviewed by expert panels drawn from the ITS Board/Associate Board and Koç University faculty who are prominent scholars in the field of Turkish Studies. The selection process may include a phone/internet interview for finalists with the selection committee. Upon the recommendations of the academic expert panels, final decisions by the ITS Board of Governors and Koç University are expected to be announced by **May 15, 2020**. Neither ITS nor Koç University can provide reviewer comments or any other information about proposals which do not receive funding.

## **APPLICATION FORMAT AND PROCEDURES:**

A complete application must include the following:

1. The two-page Grant Application Cover Sheet (below), to be completed in full.
2. Project Proposal. (Maximum 6 pages, double-spaced).  
Provide a statement describing the current status of your dissertation project including:
  - a) dissertation title,
  - b) amount of research and writing that has been carried out so far,
  - c) major thesis and its relation to the current literature in the field,
  - d) location and duration of your research,
  - e) methodology used,
  - f) assessment of the originality of your work and the contribution to will make to your field,
  - g) a short list of primary and secondary sources.
  - h) date of ABD status

3. Budget. Clearly state the amount requested from ITS in your budget. No university overhead costs may be paid through ITS grants. If you are applying for funds from other sources (ARIT, SSRC, etc.) and/or matching university fellowships, you must provide information about these in your budget statement.
3. Letters of Recommendation. All grant applicants must provide three letters of recommendation from referees familiar with their work. Letters of recommendation should speak specifically to the applicant's proposed project as well as to the applicant's qualifications for undertaking this particular project. Letters of recommendation MUST be directly emailed to [sinanciddi@turkishstudies.org](mailto:sinanciddi@turkishstudies.org) by the recommenders. One letter of recommendation must be written by the principal thesis advisor of the Ph.D. candidate. You should send a copy of your project description to your referees so that they can comment specifically upon the proposed study and your qualifications for undertaking it.
4. A current CV.
5. Academic Transcripts. Transcripts of all graduate work must be included in the applicant's application packet.

**PLEASE TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

All applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** as a single, complete scanned PDF document by **5pm** Eastern Standard Time on **March 31, 2020**. Application packages must be emailed directly to:

**[sinanciddi@turkishstudies.org](mailto:sinanciddi@turkishstudies.org)**

Incomplete and/or late applications **WILL NOT** be considered.

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## Application Cover Sheet for ITS-Koç Holding Fellowship in Turkish Studies for Academic Year 2020-2021

PLEASE TYPE

1. Name (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Birth:

3. Social Security Number:

4. Current Mailing Address:

5. Office Tel:

Home Tel:

E-mail:

E-mail:

6. Period for which grant is desired:

Duration:

Beginning:

Ending:

6. Amount requested in US\$:

8. Are you applying elsewhere for financial aid? If so, you are required to identify all funding resources to which you applied and all funding received.

9. If you have received ITS grant(s) in the past, please indicate category, year and amount.

10. Are you a US citizen or permanent resident?  Yes  No

11. Academic Degrees received or expected (indicate institutions, disciplines or departments, dates)

12. Foreign Languages Studied

Institution

Duration

13. Modern Turkish Language Proficiency

Fluent

Intermediate

Elementary

None

Reading

Writing

<b>Speaking</b>				
<b>Ottoman Turkish Language Proficiency</b>	<b>Fluent</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Reading</b>				
<b>Writing</b>				
<b>Speaking</b>				
<p><b>14. Please give the names, positions, mailing addresses, etc. of three persons, including your principal faculty advisor (listed first) who can evaluate your project and your ability to carry it out. At least two of the three referees should be in your own field (area and/or discipline).</b></p>				
a) <b>Name:</b>				
<b>Position:</b>				
<b>Field/Discipline/Area/Department:</b>				
<b>Mailing Address:</b>				
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Fax:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>		
b) <b>Name:</b>				
<b>Position:</b>				
<b>Field/Discipline/Area/Department:</b>				
<b>Mailing Address:</b>				
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Fax:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>		
c) <b>Name:</b>				
<b>Position:</b>				
<b>Field/Discipline/Area/Department:</b>				
<b>Mailing Address:</b>				
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Fax:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>		
<b>15. Proposed Project Title:</b>				
<b>16. 100-Word Precis of attached project proposal and its significance:</b>				
<b>17. Sign or Print:</b>				<b>Date:</b>